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**NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.**  
Only communications relating to the news columns should be sent to the Editor. All other communications should be sent to the Editor of the Daily Press, 12th August, 1895.

**MARRIAGE.**  
On the 25th July, at the Parish Church, Goring, Oxon, by the Rev. J. D. Dyer, Vicar of Goring, James, son of the late James Dyer, Esq., of Goring, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late William Dyer, Esq., of Goring, were united in Holy Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, by the Rev. J. D. Dyer, Vicar of Goring, Oxon.

**The Daily Press.**  
HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1895.

It is indeed to be feared, as a Bangkok contemporary remarks, that the British Government has lost the best opportunity that has offered for the opening of the West River to foreign trade and navigation when the Chofon Convention was signed and the late Sir Thomas Wade was foolishly content with the opening of Pakhoi as a treaty port. We feel, however, to say why, because the right was not then acquired, we should not obtain it now. No doubt it would not be exactly what the French Government desire, because they hope to draw all the trade through Tonkin, a hope that will not be realized in consequence of their illiberal commercial policy; but we cannot stand still and wait while French experiments are being tried, nor are we disposed to make the trade of Western China a French preserve. The French adopt in all cases a strictly selfish line, and if they are at any time strong enough to do so, they will keep a market for their exclusive exploitation, not caring a rap whose interests may suffer. The British Government, with a magnanimous disregard of selfish considerations, have on the contrary always shown a disposition to admit other nations to share in the benefits and privileges obtained by the expenditure of British blood and treasure. If the British Minister in France had the Chinese Government to open up the West River to British trade and navigation all other treaty Powers will equally benefit by the concession. Great Britain never demands any exclusive trade privilege; unlike France and Russia, she does not seek to secure a monopoly to the detriment of other Powers. Nevertheless, it would appear probable that her Representative at Peking might very grudgingly support from his diplomatic colleagues. If Sir Nicholas O'Connor had only been well supported, or even unopposed, it is hardly likely that his efforts to secure this very reasonable concession would not long ago have succeeded.

From Szechuen comes intelligence of a fresh attack on a missionary at Wushien, an important place midway between Ichang and Chungking. There was no provocation. The missionary was out riding on horseback and was first assaulted by two coolies who, armed with stout cudgels, appeared to be waiting for him by the wayside. His horse was startled and ran away with his rider, who was pelted by the mob with mud and stones and sustained several blows and contusions. On his arrival home his colleagues set off on one to the magistrate's residence for protection. That personage, however, refused to see them, sent word that he did not want to see them, he was busy, and if they were injured he could not help them. They managed, however, through the good offices of a friendly clerk at the telegraph office, to get an urgent message sent to Chungking. Mr. Trautman, the British

Consul, at once requested the Consul to send instructions to the Wushien magistrate to protect the missionaries, and presently something was done, but the truculent mandarins paid no attention, it would seem, and allowed the most baseless charges to be circulated about the missionaries. This is the sort of thing that still goes on in the provinces where a Commission of Inquiry has been sent against the missionaries, and especially those of the Society of Jesus, in the recent outrages. So far the most lamentable results have attended the inquiry. The infamous ex-Viceroy has positively been appointed to sit on the Commission, a body placed to investigate this man's acts. How is it likely to prove anything but a farce when the principal offender occupies a position in the principal office as judge? The Chinese Government can have no sense of honour or they would never have wished to make such an appointment. As may be expected, the inquiry at Chungking makes no progress and must end in smoke. The only result achieved so far, according to all accounts, has been to cause an official persecution of such natives as have shown themselves well disposed towards the missionaries, it being the policy of the mandarins to alienate all the natives from the foreigners. The Chengtu Commission of Inquiry, therefore, is simply being worked as a lever against the missionaries, and it is idle, under such circumstances, to expect either that justice will be done in connection with the recent riots and outrages or that they will be prevented for the future.

In recognition of his valuable services to France while he has been Minister at Peking, M. General has been promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary of the first class.

The body of the European found near Wushien, which has been identified as that of Hermann Michael, who was a sailor on the *Odenburg*. The inquest was opened at the local telegraph office at Wushien, and the body was taken to the telegraph office for the purpose of establishing in the various maritime provinces of the Empire the whereabouts of the body, and the body was taken to the telegraph office for the purpose of establishing in the various maritime provinces of the Empire the whereabouts of the body.

**REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.**  
[Supplied to the "Daily Press"]

**THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.**  
News received in France from Madagascar, August 31st, is to the effect that 40 per cent. of the troops engaged in the expedition were unfit for duty.

**THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEDAN IN GERMANY.**  
The anniversary of the battle of Sedan was celebrated in Germany on a most extensive scale.

**THE EXTRAORDINARY DEATH AT CAPSIBOON.**  
The inquiry closed.

At the Magistrate's yesterday Hon. H. E. Wadehouse concluded his inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Lam Po, a Chinese, who was killed by a French soldier on the 27th August, 1895, at Yokohama. The body of the deceased was found on the 27th August, 1895, at Yokohama. The body was found on the 27th August, 1895, at Yokohama. The body was found on the 27th August, 1895, at Yokohama.

**SUPREMACY.**  
4th September.

**IN ORIGIN OF JURISDICTION.**  
BEFORE SIR FIELDING CLARKE (Chief Justice).

**THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, v. CHENG KAT'S ESTATE.**  
The case was heard by Sir Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice, on the 4th September.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

**THE PORTUGUESE.**  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."—In the course of his late journey to the East, the late Mr. W. J. R. Roberts, who was a member of the Portuguese Commission, has written a book on the subject of the Portuguese in the East. The book is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the Portuguese in the East.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 2.20 p.m. yesterday.

The Yuden Company, of Shanghai, has been informed that the Government of China has decided to send a large number of troops to the border of the Portuguese colony in Macao.

We have received Vol. XXVI, covering the year 1894-95, of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute. It contains a full report of the work of the Institute during the year, and is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the colonies.

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